Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

WHEREAS, Fifty years ago, the men and women of the armed forces of the United States of America successfully halted the spread of communism in the Korean peninsula and once again made the world safe for democracy; and

WHEREAS, The young men and women of South Dakota once again answered the call to arms, leaving their families and professions behind to engage a fierce enemy in a faraway land in some of the most difficult battle conditions ever faced by America's warriors; and

WHEREAS, While thousands of South Dakota's citizens served with honor on the battlefields of Korea, countless others, both in and out of uniform, served in roles essential to the well being of the frontline personnel; and

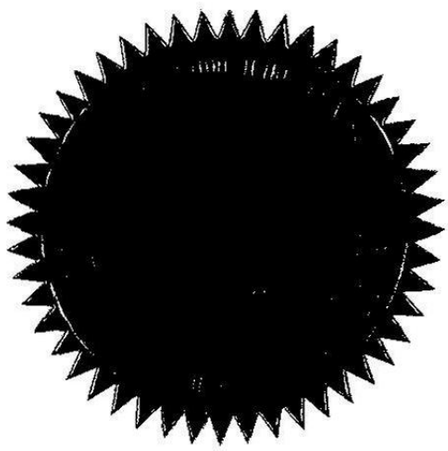
WHEREAS, The names of over one hundred seventy of South Dakota's sons are etched in granite near Capitol Lake in Pierre as a tribute to those brave souls whose lives were suddenly taken from them in the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Fifty years ago today, the courage and sacrifice of South Dakota's men and women brought a measure of peace and hope for freedom to a troubled world:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, M. MICHAEL ROUNDS, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 27, 2003, as

SOUTH DAKOTA'S OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF THE CEASE FIRE THAT HALTED THE ADVANCEMENT OF COMMUNISM IN KOREA

and ask that we all take time to remember the sacrifices made by South Dakota's sons and daughters who answered the call to duty during the Korean War so that we all may live in peace.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-First Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State